## COMMERCE-JUSTICE-STATE APPROPRIATIONS/Cloture, motion to proceed

SUBJECT: Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 2000...S. 1217. Lott motion to close debate on the motion to proceed.

## **ACTION: CLOTURE MOTION REJECTED, 49-39**

SYNOPSIS: As reported, S. 1217, the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 2000, will provide a total of \$35.28 billion in new budget authority, which is \$918.2 million less than appropriated for FY 1999 and is \$11.59 billion less than requested (largely due to the refusal to include the Administration's request for \$8.7 billion in "advance" appropriations; such appropriations have been used in recent years as a bookkeeping means of exceeding the spending caps in effect but not in letter).

On June 24, 1999, Senator Lott sent to the desk, for himself and others, a motion to close debate on the motion to proceed. NOTE: A three-fifths majority (60) vote is required to invoke cloture.

Democratic Senators began a filibuster of all legislation beginning on June 21, 1999. They indicated that they would oppose the consideration of all legislation, including all appropriations bills that must be passed to continue the operations of the Federal Government, until the Senate considered a bill regarding health insurance, without any limitations on the length of the debate and without any limitations on the number of amendments that could be offered. They began by stalling consideration of the Agriculture Appropriations Bill. They opposed cloture on the Agriculture Appropriations Bill, and they opposed even beginning consideration of the Transportation Appropriations Bill, the Commerce-Justice-State Appropriations Bill, and the Foreign Operations Appropriations Bill (see vote Nos. 184-187). After those votes, a unanimous consent agreement was reached to define the terms under which health insurance legislation would be considered beginning July 12, 1999, and ending July 15, 1999, and the filibuster ended.

For debate, see vote No. 181.

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